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IN COMING HOURS.

In coming hours, when all we say,
Makes fullness of our bliss to-day
Has faded, as from summer sky
The sunset glories slowly die.
From gold and rose to dreary gray.
And I must learn as best I may.
To watch it, as it fades away;
I think I will not mean or cry
In coming hours.

I think I will not utter "nay,"
Knowing that all things must decay;
Nor even weep, or question why,
But our dear dream tenderly,
For blessings for my darling pray,
In coming hours.

—All the Year Round.

DEVOURED FRIENDS.

CHAPTER L

Ralph Archer and Louis Plover were held so closely together by the interlacing of friendship that they were rarely ever seen apart from each other. They were employed in the same department of the Arkansas State government; they occupied the same room, read the same books, and, at the restaurant, as Archer once declared, always sat side by side with both. Archer and Plover were much given to study. The war having come on just in time to spoil the chances of a professional course at college, the two young men after the giant struggle had ceased, found themselves almost on a financial level with the demonstrative old Southern governor, who, when asked if he could not add in the consciousness of his own innocence, gentlemen, may not believe it, but I haven't a blanched cent." Archer's parents were dead; Plover's father, mother and sister lived a short distance from town, in an old red brick house, where the two friends often spent much of their leisure time. Young Plover was especially devoted to his mother, who was a woman of whom who wore short hair. She possessed a soft, winning voice, but her eyes were cat-like; she was easy of manner, but her words of greeting echo'd with the hollowness of insincerity. Vain and envious, spiteful and jealous, the keen perception of young Archer told him that nature had not granted to her that rich generosity with which her brother had been endowed.

"Ella," Plover one day said to his sister, "what do you think of my friend?"

"Mr. Archer?"

"Yes, you know I always speak of him as my friend."

"Oh, I like him because he is your friend."

"And for another reason, Ella?"

"You wouldn't tell me that, Ella."

"Well, but I want to know, sis."

"Are you afraid that I will marry him?"

"Afraid! Why? I would give anything if you should. He is a noble fellow, and quite worthy of you. In fact, I have never heard of any man who can marry. Tell me, now, don't you love him?"

"Lu, you must be crazy. Do you suppose that I am going to tell you that I love a man before I find out that the man loves me? Tell me, Lu, did he ever say anything about me?"

"Quite sure. I have never asked him, and he is not the man to tell me unless I should."

"Tell you one thing I've noticed. Every time he comes home with you—no, I won't say it."

"Yes, you must. What were you going to say?"

"No, it is better to leave it unsaid. It would sound selfish."

"Remember, girl, that you are talking to your brother. What were you going to say?"

"That while down here he always goes over to Gladrow's."

"What of that?"

"He goes to see Eva Gladrow. That's what there is of it."

"I don't know. I have never heard him speak of her."

"But have you asked him? You said just now that he was not a man to tell you such things unless you should ask him. I declare the friendship existing between you two men is peculiar. You never confide your secrets to each other."

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Salem, N. C., Jan. 5, 1885.

THE INAUGURATION.—Yesterday, Wednesday, March 4th, Grover Cleveland was inaugurated President of the United States. From all accounts an immense crowd was expected, and very extensive arrangements were made for a grand display, both civic and military.

We have made arrangements to present our readers with the proceedings in detail.

President Cleveland and party arrived in Washington on Tuesday morning, at 7 o'clock.

—Another terrific colliery explosion has occurred in England, caused by fire damp. There were 150 men in the mine. 36 dead bodies have been recovered from the ruins, and a force is still looking for more victims.

—The Legislature has increased the annual appropriation for the University of North Carolina to \$27,500, with a view to establishing the institution on a higher plan. The faculty will be greatly increased. A permanent chair of Science Teaching has been provided for.

THE RALEIGH CHRONICLE.—Sorry to see it announced that the above named bright, newy and veryably conducted daily has been discontinued. In the last number the editor says: "After this issue the *Daily Chronicle* will be merged into the *State Chronicle* (weekly). This step will be taken in order to make the paper better than either daily or weekly has ever before been, and more nearly worthy of the liberal and increasing patronage that they have received. The career of the *Chronicle*, in its various sizes and editions, has been a career of steady growth."

THE LEGISLATURE.

TAKEN FROM THE RALEIGH DAILIES.

Dr. Wiseman said:

Mr. President: I arise to a question of personal privilege for the first time.

On the 23rd of January, 1885, an act was ratified "changing the time of holding the Superior courts of Davie" and Yadkin counties. I called that day at the Secretary of State's office to arrange for sending out to all proper persons notice of the same. I was informed that the act was in the hands of the printer, and as soon as printed certified copies would be sent.

Followed this up daily for three days when, on Monday the 26th, I was informed that the notices were all sent out, and that I might rest easy, as all proper parties were put in possession of the act.

I will here state that in all these visits I was accompanied by my colleague in the House of Representatives, H. E. Robertson. We heard from home and it was so well and generally known there that we never suspected anything was wrong till two nights since we learned that the judge had not arrived; we wired him at his home and have not received an answer till his presence in this city. He states that he did not receive any notice till then. We forthwith called and lodged an inquiry at the office of the Secretary of State as to what had really taken place, and received from that office the reply which I now send forward to be read from the desk. The clerk read the following:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26, 1885.

Dr. J. W. Wiseman and Mr. H. E. Robertson:

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your inquiries I beg leave to state that an act to change the time of holding the Superior courts of Davie county, etc., was ratified on the 23rd of January, 1885. On the same day Dr. Wiseman called on me for a copy of the same, to be sent to the clerks and sheriffs of Davie and Yadkin counties. I informed him that I had sent a copy of the bill down to be printed and sent to said officers. Sometime thereafter both of you called together to see if the matter had received attention. The printed copies of the act had just been received by me, and after sending copies to the said sheriffs and clerks, and to the judge riding the district, and solicitor of the district, I gave copies to you. That was on Monday after the ratification of the act on Friday. Between Friday and Monday, I remember distinctly, that each of you asked me more than once if the act had been printed, and in fact from the time the bill passed and became an act both of you followed it up until copies of it were sent to the officers to be affected.

Very respectfully,

W. L. SAUNDERS,
Secretary of State.

Now, Mr. President, it appears from this answer that no fault attaches to the representative or senator from Davie, and I thus assume that it is to put our vindication on record, and let the responsibility rest where it belongs and can be fixed.

It would seem that all proper means were used, and the fault, if any, may possibly be in the uncertainty of the mails or to some fortuitous circumstances over which we had no control.

It was unfortunate in every particular. Our constituents have suffered material damage in many ways.

The bill taxing dogs and promoting sheep husbandry was indefinitely postponed—*ayes* 58, *nays* 54.

The following bills passed second reading: To give Wayne county the stock law (substituted adopted); to authorize Lenoir county to levy a special tax; to give Buncombe, Wake, Edgecombe, Rowan, Davie, Granville, Chatham, Wilson, Harnett, Surry, Catawba, Madison, Lincoln, New Hanover, Randolph, Vance, Person, Rockingham, Yadkin, and Polk counties the benefits of the Mecklenburg road law—*vote, ayes 44, nays 23*.

In the Senate, bill to incorporate Winston Fire Company No. 1, passed second and third reading.

Bill to incorporate Mt. Holly and Danbury Railroad company, Stokes county, passed.

Bill to secure to creditors a just division of estates of debtors conveyed to assignees for the benefit of creditors, passed second and third readings.

In the House, bill to require county commissioners to build fire proof vaults passed second and third readings.

Bill to provide for the payment of jurors drawn on special venires passed second and third readings.

The Finance Committee has reported the revenue bill to the General Assembly. It makes no change in the rate of taxation, which is left as before at 25 cents on the \$100 valuation. Mr. Tade said that the committee left this matter somewhat open, so that the House could fix the rate, which may perhaps be cut down to 21 cents. The only change in the bill are in the taxes upon peddlers and itinerant merchants. The tax on peddlers is now \$15 per annum; the bill makes three classes of peddlers, paying \$5, \$10, and \$20, respectively. The tax upon itinerant merchants is a new provision. It is fixed at \$50 per annum. The *Newspaper* states that there has been much discussion of the tax upon merchants (upon purchases) and drummers. This the committee has permitted to stand at present, without any change. The bill is in the hands of the printer.

—The Durham *Reporter* says: On the arrival of last evening's train President K. P. Battle was met at the depot by 75 students with 100 feet of rope attached to a top buggy, and by force was placed therein and hauled through mud and mire to the campus, under the light from 25 torches. The President made a brief but happy talk and thanked the boys for the ride. The result of his efforts in securing the appropriation to the University is fully appreciated.

BEWARE.—Two ladies were recently fatally hurt in Petersburg, Va., by their clothes taking fire from a stove.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nomination: Geo. H. Craig, United States district attorney for the northern and middle districts of Alabama, and William L. Scrings, of Georgia, to minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Columbia. The President has directed that the number of internal revenue districts in the State of North Carolina be increased from two to three, to be numbered the fourth, fifth and sixth districts. Isaac J. Young has been designated as collector of the fourth district, and Thomas N. Cooper as collector of the sixth district. It is not expected that the vacancy in the fifth district will be filled during the present administration.

Owing to the heavy payments from the public treasury during the present month, for pensions and other obligations, it is estimated that there will be but a small reduction of the public debt for February.

Mr. York and the River and Harbor Bill.

In the House of Representatives

on the 18th, the river and harbor

appropriation bill being under consider-

ation, Mr. York introduced the following amendment, to wit: For improving the Yadkin river, North

Carolina, from the railroad bridge, near Salisbury, to Wilkesboro, \$50,000, twenty-five thousand to be spent on the Wilkesboro end and twenty-

five thousand on the Salisbury end, and \$10,000 on the river bed.

The amendment was adopted.

—The *National Library*.—The annual report of Mr. Spofford, librarian of Congress, for the calendar year 1884, was submitted in the Senate to day by Mr. Sherman. The report says the library contains 544,687 volumes and 185,000 pamphlets, an increase of 31,246 over the previous year. The law library which is included in the above statement, contains 63,265 volumes. The report of Mr. Spofford, librarian of Congress, for the calendar year 1884, was submitted in the Senate to day by Mr. Sherman. The report says the library contains 544,687 volumes and 185,000 pamphlets, an increase of 31,246 over the previous year. The law library which is included in the above statement, contains 63,265 volumes. The report of Mr. Spofford, librarian of Congress, for the calendar year 1884, was submitted in the Senate to day by Mr. Sherman. The report says the library contains 544,687 volumes and 185,000 pamphlets, an increase of 31,246 over the previous year. 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The People's Press.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1885.

LOCAL ITEMS.

AN EPITOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS.

Departure and arrival of Trains on the Salem Branch—N. W. N. C. R. R.
No. 9 Leaves Salem, 6:00 a. m.
Arrives " 11:00 a. m.
11 Leaves " 1:30 p. m.
12 Arrives " 11:30 a. m.

MARCH.

Elbow month of wind and rains.
The tyrant of the year.
We were often stung with pain.
Yea, with thee there.

For see? then bringest Spring.
And with it birds, their cheer.

Which softer thoughts will bring.
And banish fear.

—Thomas Turner is still very ill.
—Danbury, Stokes County, put up ice 51 inches thick.

—The 5th U. S. Internal Revenue District has been re-established.

A. S. Jones bought the Wilson farm of 60 acres, about a mile below town, for \$750.

C. B. Watson, Esq., who has been seriously ill for some time, is improving.

—Severe colds and pneumonia still prevail, the latter mostly of a mild type, however.

—The Forsyth Riflemen's Minstrel show on last Friday and Saturday nights, was a success.

—A. A. Springs, recently from Advance, Davie County, has become a citizen of this place.

—Lewis Page, col., has been detected stealing a vest from a trunk at the depot, and was jailed last Monday.

—A man with a harp and two small boys with fiddles amused the town and picked up the dimes last evening.

—Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Lent, with days 11 hours and 32 minutes long, leaving five weeks till Easter.

—Representative Sheppard paid a flying visit to his family, coming up Saturday night and leaving again Monday morning.

—Mr. Clark, from Massachusetts, who has rented Sunnyside, called on us several times, and seems well pleased with his surroundings.

—Mrs. Dr. Wiseman, of Farmington, Davie county, has returned from the New Orleans Exposition, spending a day in this place, on her way home.

COAL GAS.—A movement seems to be on foot to establish coal gas works in Salem, which gas is said to be not so dangerous as coal oil and cheaper.

—Roads rough and almost impassable in places. A proper system of road working during the summer season might improve the roads very much during the winter months.

LARGE LEAF.—John H. Zevely handled us an oak leaf which he found near town, being probably one of the largest, if not the largest grown about here. It measures 16x12 inches.

—Wm. Longworth, agent for J. C. Lindley & Co.'s Nursery, has sold a fine lot of "Frost Proof" peach trees. The tree is a late bloomer, and rarely if ever misses to fruit. The purchasers found the trees in first class condition.

—Major W. M. S. Dunn, who has held the position of engineer and general superintendent of the Virginia Midland Railroad since 1881, has resigned that position to accept the general superintendence of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R.—*Mo. Arg. News.*

—Truth has a quiet breast, says Avon's bard, but when the breast is racked with a cough it can not be quiet. Try a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. The cough will stay, the soreness allay, and you'll bless Dr. Bull for many a day.

—Flowers are scarce this season, yet occasionally we see the stately Cala and royal Camelia grace the parlor window and reign in supreme in the pits and greenhouses. The gardens are yet brown and bare, but for the perfumed breath of the violet, and the delicate tints of the crocus, and the warm south wind, we could hardly realize the advent of the first month of Spring.

—We were pleased to see James Weir, who is back to his old home from Cosco, Connecticut, after an absence of twenty-four years. Mr. Weir is a native of the South Fork section, in Davidson County, and is glad to be among his old friends. He has a young friend with him, who is much pleased with the Southland. He remarked that the old men walked more erect than they did at home, where they stooped and leaned heavily on their canes.

—Persons visiting WACHOVIA Park are respectfully requested not to mutilate trees, nor to break down or cut off saplings for walking canes or other purposes;—not to interfere in any way with the undergrowth, nor to remove anything from place to place without special permission. Persons are welcome to visit and enjoy the park; but as it belongs to a corporate body, persons known to commit trespass, or to do injury in any way, are liable to be dealt with according to law.

Commissioners' Court.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Ordered that the resignation of H. F. Byerly, school commissioner in district No. 29, be received and that R. W. Hedgecock be appointed in his place.

It is ordered by the Board that the voting place in Salem precinct in district No. 29, be removed from the Salem Hotel, to Belo's Hotel in said town.

The petition asking for a public road to be laid out from Sprinkle's Ferry on the Yadkin river, to a point on the Old Richmond road near Alexander Moseleys, a distance of about 31 miles, was taken up, and there appearing no objection to the laying out of the proposed road, and that persons over whose lands said road is to pass have had 20 days notice of the filing of said petition. It is therupon ordered that the prayers of said petition be granted, and that James Reed, John M. Long, John H. Kapp, W. H. Long and P. F. Holder be appointed Commissioners to lay out the said road according to petition and to assess damages, if any to persons on whose lands the said road shall pass, and report their proceedings to the Board as soon as practicable.

Ordered that so much of the resolution adopted at the last regular meeting of the Board, in regard to the passage of a bill in the Legislature appropriating certain property fines, forfeitures and license taxes to the Graded Schools of Winston, as relates to fines, forfeitures and license taxes, is hereby revoked, as the Board have learned, that they were laboring under a misconception of the true intention of that part of said bill at the time of the adoption of said resolution.

Ordered by the Board that the report of the Committee appointed in district No. 5, for the colored race, to condemn land for a school house be confirmed, and that the Committee of said district pay to B. Jones and wife Julia Jones \$20, as the price of said site instead of \$10, as recommended in their report.

The Broad Bay Public School closed on the 28th ult., with a public exhibition. It was our pleasure to be present and witness the exercises which consisted in dialogues, recitations, &c. Among some of the most noticeable were Masters Johnnie Hine, Luther McLaughlin, Mahlon Charles, Charlie Williard, Eugene Hine, Misses Isabel Yokel, Eliza J. Reed, Eliza Hine; in fact, all the pieces and songs were given in elegant style, showing careful training on the part of the teacher. A very large crowd was present, and all present seemed to enjoy the occasion from the oldest gray headed "Visitors."

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A VOODOO INCANTATION.

NOW A YOUNG NEGRESS WAS CURED OF A SPELL.

A Weird Midnight Scene in Louisiana—Driving off the Evil Spirit by Dancing and Bell Ringing.

The parish of Bossier, in Louisiana, has a very large negro population. They became gregarious just after the close of the war and descended from small town houses on the outskirts of some towns. The more sensible of them advocated churches and schools, while the others worshiped the fetishes of the voodoo doctors, became their pliant tools and participated in their weird incantations to dissipate some evil spell that had been placed on them by their own or upon a community. Each town or neighborhood had its voodoo magicians, and also its persons with the evil eye, usually aged negroes. If a young strong negro man happened to come under the influence of the evil eye he began to pine, to lose interest in the world, and succumb to melancholy. To cure him, he ended invariably by dancing. Dog hair, bacon skin, chicken entrails and jimson weeds enter largely in the treatment of "spell" cases by the regular voodoo doctors. The writer, while visiting that parish, by a piece of good luck learned from a true native that a weird voodoo incantation would take place to raise the evil spell off of Keziah, a young, stout negress, who had dwindled down to shadow. Keziah was engaged to marry and one fine evening she and her lover were out strolling. As they passed Aunt Sophie's house, an unpretentious little three-story dwelling built out of wood, but Keziah's lover was valiant and kicked the notion out of the animal in a second. Its yelps, as it retreated, brought the aged negro, Aunt Sophie, to the door. She raised her thin hands before her face, crossed them, pulled off the large red handkerchief from her head, waved it three times and drew it over her back, looking at the time at herself. Keziah saw the motions and trembled. That very next day she said that she heard strange noises at her back and sometimes in front, and had no appetite to eat. In three days she drooped, and was not the same buxom man and hearty eater. In three weeks her case was considered almost hopeless.

Uncle Shed, the high priest of voodoo doctors, had the case. He alleged in his diagnosis that Sophie must have had rabbit blood on the handkerchief she waved, or else his simple prescription of plating a piece of bacon skin with three dog hairs through under Keziah's doorway, and the power of the gods would have long since effected a cure. If it was rabbit blood, as he felt sure, then the "spell" on the unfortunate woman could only be raised by a midnight incantation at which other doctors, Keziah, her lover and several relatives had to be present and assist. Uncle Shed said that there were several cases such as this to be done. Unshaded by a sister, who live a mile from town n a small creek on an unroaded trail. Here the performance was to take place. Arriving at the place the writer concealed himself on a little hill across the creek commanding an excellent view of the hut and its open space to the right. It was after 11 o'clock and there were no signs of any life about. The stars were out, but the moon had not risen. The night was warm, and away down the creek the echo of croaking frogs could be heard. And to add more to the lonesomeness of the situation, a big hooting owl just overhead on a tall black tree beat its wings, as it was about to alight. The road seemed dark. She rushed back in the house and brought out a shovel full of coals and deposited them in the middle of the space. Then piled pine knots over them, and kept it burning. The embers were so hot that he was pleased to give his blessing."

The Snow Cure.
over the tree tops full-orbed, a cock crowed three and the fire went out as Keziah free from the "spell," departed with her relatives and wonderful voodoo doctors.

She is now married, but has never yet had the temerity to come in contact with the evil eyes of Aunt Sophie.—*New York Express.*

Literature of the Sneeze.

A writer in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* furnishes an article on "the literature of the sneeze." Many curious traditions and superstitions were connected with sneezing, and some of them have been preserved until modern and less credulous periods. The writer says:

"A dark soil will sustain a more vigorous existence in the plant than a light soil, other things being equal, and the reason for this is apparent when it is considered that dark soils absorb rays of light and light colors reflect them. The more sunlight that can be absorbed by the earth and the plant, the more vigorous the growth. The myriad rootlets mouths of the plant will discover the hidden ray of the sun and work assiduously for the hill and drill, will keep potatoes clean, whether the scab is caused by insects or fungi." Salt for potatoes was an old favorite two generations ago, but the *Rural New Yorker* thinks it is probable that a mixture of salt in a compost of earth and manure will do well.

"The sleeves of all babies' dresses for a season are *deringer* long.

"The navy blue blouse suits for little girls is revived for spring wear.

"Black, brown, plum-color and gray are the favorite colors for elderly people.

"Silver pins for the hair have large cubes or balls set with Rhine stones.

"The linings of cloaks are of plain satin; quilting is no longer fashionable.

"Miss Mollie Garfield, daughter of the late President, has entered Vassar College.

"Academic plaitis are much worn. Skirts made with them wear exceedingly well.

"The queen of Holland walks about in the street daily, attended only by a single woman.

"It is said that a woman can travel from end of Japan to the other unattended, without fear of molestation.

"Two ladies were baptized in a millpond at Gagetown, Mich., recently, with the mercury twenty degrees below zero.

"A lady in a Denim attire the other night had her hair six tiny humming birds which formed a fair wreath about her head.

"To make wavy paper stay smoothly upon an uncalled wall, first cover every crack with strips of old sheeting or similar stuff, turn into strips wide enough to cover the crack completely and adhere well to each edge. When this is dry, then paper. The expansion and contraction of the lumber will go off the same, but behind the cloth, so that it will not in anywise interfere with the wall paper.

"To make biscuit, dissolve one rounded tablespoonful of butter to a pint of hot milk; when lukewarm, stir in one quart of flour, one beaten egg, a little salt, and a teacup of yeast; work the dough until smooth. If in winter, set in a warm place, if in summer, a cool place to rise; then roll out, prick with a fork, cut into biscuits and set to rise for thirty minutes, when they will also tend to make the soil more soft, porous and spongy, which in turn fits it to become the storehouse from which vegetation is fed.

"If adequate measures are adopted to transform this waste into usefulness, the agricultural community will not be slow to avail itself of the opportunity.

"The cumin deposit may be turned to the use of the country as a fertilizer.

"Felt Langtry turbans, used when skating, are trimmed with dark brown, cardinal or blue velvet, with the monogram of the owner embroidered in gold on the back.

"To make a good entree if after parboiling them for half an hour they are taken out of the water, and are put in a dripping pan, with two or three slices of salt pork, with pepper, salt and sugar sprinkled over them; put them into the oven, and when done, let them cool, which formed a fair wreath about her head.

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